

HO-886  
Holste Farm  
5337 Kerger Road  
Public

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Holste Farm

other

### 2. Location

street and number 5337 Kerger Road not for publication

city, town Elkridge ☒ vicinity

county Howard

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Howard County

street and number 7120 Oakland Mills Road telephone 410-313-4700

city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21046

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 1607 folio 261

city, town Ellicott City tax map 31 tax parcel 229 tax ID number

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

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The Holste Farm is located at 5337 Kerger Road, and is set well back from Kerger Road behind rows of modern tract houses, in the middle of Rockburn Park. The access was originally from Kerger Road, but is now from a service road in the park from the parking lots near "Clover Hill". The complex consists of a frame house, frame bank barn, and stone springhouse. The house faces north at the top of a hill, with steep slopes to the south and west, a moderate slope to the east, and rolling terrain to the north. The grounds are now used for Frisbee golf.

#### House

The house is a two-story, two-bay by one-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, vinyl siding over asbestos shingle siding, and has a gable roof with asphalt shingles and an east-west ridge. There is an exterior brick chimney of twentieth-century smooth pressed brick on the west end. There is a one-story, two-bay by two-bay frame garage wing on the east end that has a brick foundation that matches the chimney, vinyl siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and an east-west ridge. This wing projects to the north of the main block. There is a two-story, two-bay by one-bay ell on the south of the main block, with a rubble stone foundation, vinyl siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge. The ell has an addition on the south and west sides that is one story, with a new brick foundation and vinyl siding. It has a shed roof on the east half, a gable on the southwest section, and a shed roof west of the ell. There is an exterior brick chimney on the south of this addition. All of the window openings are boarded up.

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The north elevation of the main block, on the first story, has a window near the center and another in the west bay. The second story has windows in the east and west bays, with no opening in the center. The north elevation of the wing has two windows.

The east elevation of the wing has two window openings, and there are no openings in the main block. The ell has two window openings on both the first and second stories. The addition on the ell has one window opening on the east elevation.

The south elevation of the wing has a garage door to the east and a three-sided bay next to the ell, with a doorway that is boarded over. The south elevation of the addition has an inset in the southeast corner that has a window opening on the south elevation of the east section and a doorway on the east elevation, to the south. This doorway has brick steps and a porch. There is vertical vinyl siding over top of board and batten siding.

The west elevation of the main block has no openings. The ell is an enclosed porch with a door in the center of the first story. The second story has two window openings, and the addition has paired windows.

The first story has been completely cut up with walls of drywall to create a haunted house maze. It appears to have been a side-passage, single-pile plan with one large room in the ell. There is a stairway along the east wall that ascends to the south in a straight run. It has a closed stringer and the railing is missing. The landing newel post is cut on the bottom in a pyramid shape. There is linoleum on the floors. The north window architrave on the sides is reeded, with a large bead on the inner edge, while the top piece has two beads in the center, with an ogee to the outside and a large bead on the inner edge. The architrave is head cut. The house is constructed of circular-sawn 2 by 4 studs, with down-braces that have cut nails. The plaster walls are on lath fastened with wire nails.

The second story retains an original newel with a short piece of handrail and one baluster. The newel is square, with a turned cap, and is of natural oak. The baluster is turned, and is squared in the center. The railing is moulded on the sides and is fastened with wire nails. There is pine flooring that runs east-west, is mostly 3 inches wide, and is rather pieced together. The ell floor runs north-south and matches the main block. The room configuration appears altered, with new doors that have clamshell moulding. The window architrave sides match the first story, while the top piece is head-cut and is plain. The openings are boarded up both inside and out. An ell sash is a two-over-two with a wide center muntin, has parting beads, and has no sash cords.

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The cellar joists in the main block are 3 by 7 ½ inches, are circular-sawn, and are spaced 24 inches on centers. They run north-south. The ell joists are ¾-round logs that run east-west. There is no access to the attic.

### **Shed**

There is a shed about 150 feet northwest of the house. It is one story and two bays by two bays, and is not historic. It has a concrete foundation, vinyl siding, and a gable roof with inverted-v-seam metal and an east-west ridge.

### **Barn**

The barn is about 225 feet northwest of the house and is banked into the hill on the north. It has a rubble stone foundation and vertical board siding on the upper story, with a gable roof of corrugated metal, with an east-west ridge. The north elevation has a pair of large hung on rollers in the center of the upper story. The east elevation has an opening with new bars and a new frame in the center of the foundation. The west elevation also has an opening with new bars and a new frame in the center of the foundation. The lower story is open on the south. There are circular-sawn 2 by 10 joists that run north-south, with a ganged-together summer beam supported by two posts. The joists lap at the summer. The north wall has mostly been rebuilt with CMUs. The upper story has a circular-sawn and nailed frame with 3 by 5-inch posts and 2 by 6 rafters.

### **Springhouse**

The springhouse is located about 200 feet southwest of the house and down the hill from it. It is a one-story, one-bay square rubble stone structure with a gable roof that has inverted-v-seam metal and a north-south ridge. There is a new vent and frame set in openings on the east and west elevations. The roof is slightly cantilevered on the north side, with two log posts under the corners. The roof has been completely rebuilt. The gable ends have new board and batten siding. The interior has three steps down to a concrete landing, with water in the rest of the bottom. There are three logs that project from the south wall. There are traces of parging and whitewash on the walls.



## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1887-88

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

### Summary:

Edward Holste was deeded a 13-acre tract in 1887 and a year later expanded it to 20 acres and purchased an additional 32  $\frac{3}{4}$  acres. Thus, in the late 1880s Holste was assembling a small farm piecemeal from various owners. Holste was a native of Germany who immigrated to the United States with his wife in 1882. It is no surprise that he chose the area he did, since many of the surrounding lots were purchased by German immigrants. The Holstes probably constructed the house and outbuildings on the property within the first couple of years and the house seems to be a traditional American dwelling of the period. Holste's farm may have been a market or truck farm, growing small fruits and vegetables for the Baltimore market. It apparently continued as a farm until it was purchased by Howard County to become part of Rockburn Park in 1986. The house is now to be demolished.

### Significance:

In 1870 James F. Gordon was foreclosed upon and forced to sell the 443-acre farm, known as "Font Hill," that he had acquired only three years earlier. The farm was bounded by Montgomery Road on the west, Ilchester Road on the north, Rockburn Branch on the south, and the farm of Plummer Ijams on the east. Gordon sold the property to Annie Stimpson, of Howard County, for \$1,600, and she immediately had the property subdivided into lots, with Kerger Road laid out through the property to give access to the various lots, and sold them to numerous others. The deeds were not executed until 1875. The lot with the mansion house, farm manager's house, and stable, located near Ilchester Road, was sold to J. Monroe Mercer, and the remaining nine lots were apparently not built upon, with one possible exception. James Gordon had sold some portion of the farm in 1872 to his son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Isabella Gordon. The young couple was living in the mansion house with James in 1870, but may have started building a house of their own shortly later. In any case, lot seven of the subdivision, in the southeastern part of the farm, was further subdivided and 20 acres purchased by Isabella Gordon and 32  $\frac{3}{4}$  acres by Samuel Cousley. Another portion of lot seven was eventually bought by Isaac Enos, but before a deed was executed, he sold to Edward Holste. Holste was deeded this 13-acre tract in 1887 and

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By the standards of western Howard County, Holste's farm was small, half to a third the size of many, but was typical for many late-nineteenth century farms in the eastern portion of the county. Many of these may have been market or truck farms, growing small fruits and vegetables for the Baltimore market. Large farms were now too expensive for recent immigrants. The Holste family sold the farm in 1941, but it apparently continued as a farm until it was purchased by Howard County to become part of Rockburn Park in 1986. Several additions were made to the house after it was sold by the Holstes. The house was used as a haunted house attraction for many years after the county acquired it, but is now to be demolished. The barn continues to be used by the county, and the springhouse was renovated recently.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 54.71  
Acreage of historical setting 54.71  
Quadrangle name Savage

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 31, parcel 229, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

## 11. Form Prepared by

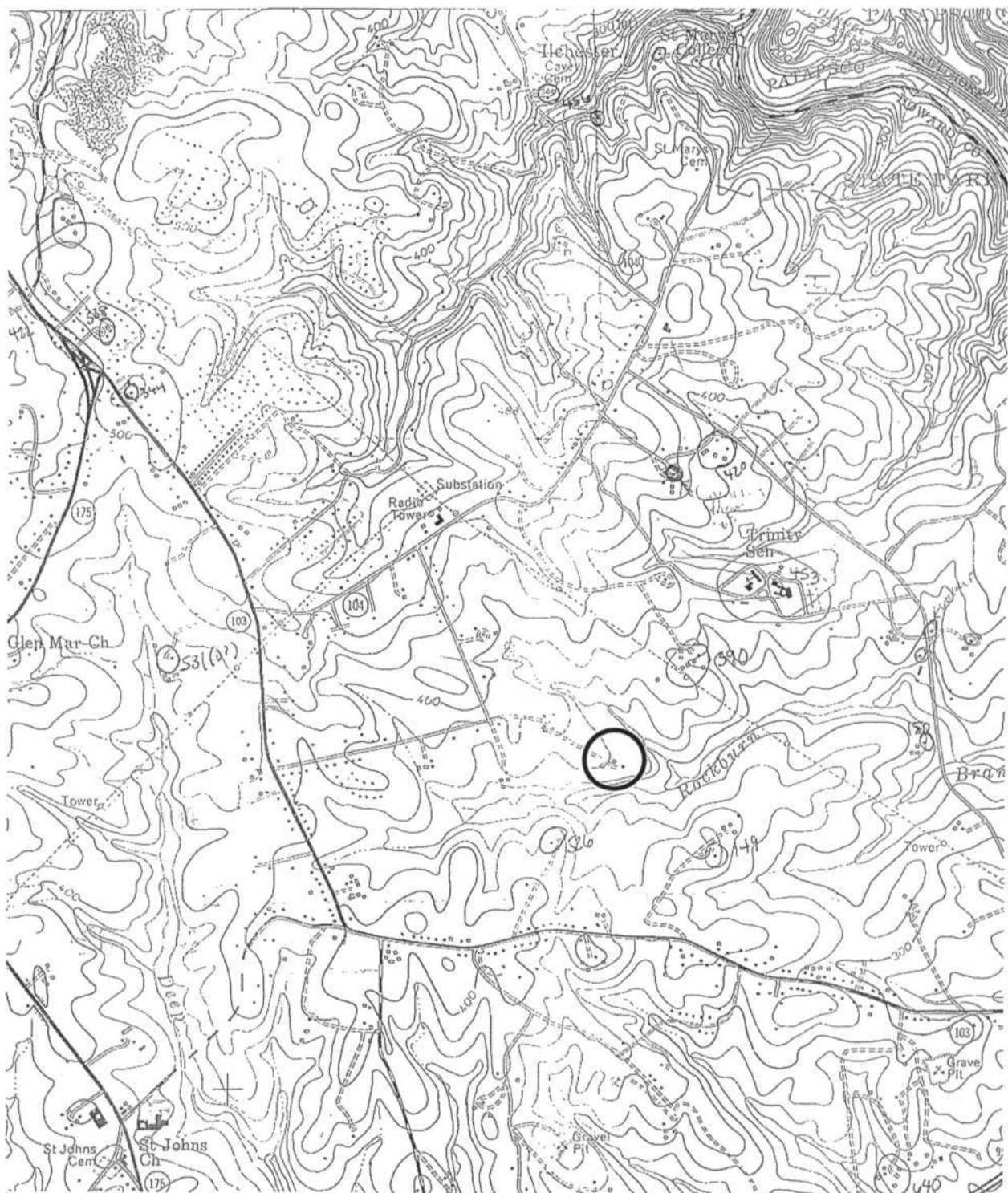
name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	April 2012
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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 5341 Kerger Road  
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 USGS Savage Quad

HO-886  
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Howard County, Maryland  
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera  
HP Premium Plus paper  
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

HO-0886\_2012-02-01\_01  
House, north elevation

HO-0886\_2012-02-01\_02  
House, east elevation

HO-0886\_2012-02-01\_03  
House, west elevation

HO-0886\_2012-02-01\_04  
House, second-story newel & baluster

HO-0886\_2012-02-01\_05  
Barn, east & north elevations

HO-0886\_2012-02-01\_06  
Springhouse, north & west elevations



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House, second-story newel + baluster

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late 19<sup>th</sup> c. – mid-20<sup>th</sup> c.  
Private

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The Holste Farm includes a house, barn, garage, and springhouse arrayed along a farm drive. The property slopes down behind the house to a creek. The drive, lined by dogwoods, enters the property from a private drive off Kerger Road and leads back to the yard, which is encircled with mature evergreens. Remaining significance at the Holste Farm is primarily found in the layout of the building complex and associated landscape features. The springhouse is also a good example of a dwindling building type.

The Holste Farm has significance as a modest farm complex that is representative of the broad patterns of Howard County's history. Originally the 230-acre farmstead of a German-American family, the property was owned by hobby farmers from the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century until 1986, when the property was donated to Howard County Parks and Recreation. The phases of this farm's development are clearly visible in the farm's current appearance. The farm retains a 19<sup>th</sup> c. stone springhouse, stone bank barn foundation, and the core of the house appears to be a late-19<sup>th</sup> c. vernacular house. Twentieth century features include additions and alterations to the house and barn, the garage, and landscaping in the yard. In full, the property (now part of Rockburn Park) represents the evolution of Howard County's agricultural property through the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

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#### *Building complex*

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#### *House*

The house at the Holste Farm appears to be a late 19<sup>th</sup> or early 20<sup>th</sup> c. 2-story vernacular house with a series of 1-story additions that was completely rehabbed in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> c. The building is currently covered in siding and has an asphalt roof. The windows are covered with plywood. A local group has used the building for its annual "haunted house" for past few years and has essentially destroyed the interior. Other than its basic form, the building has lost its integrity.

#### *Barn*

The Holste Farm retains a mid-20<sup>th</sup> c. bank barn on an earlier stone foundation. While the barn is not remarkable, the stone foundation, and barn site and mass contribute to the character of the site.

#### *Garage*

The Holste Farm has a mid-20<sup>th</sup> c. garage that does not contribute to the property.

#### *Springhouse*

The Holste Farm has a 19<sup>th</sup> springhouse, which is the most significant building on the property, located south of the main complex near the creek that runs behind the house. The one-story stone building, which is in deteriorated condition, has a corrugated metal gable roof with wood gable ends. The building has a wood door and window frame, but the door and window have been lost. The primary gable-end façade of the springhouse faces north. The primary façade has one door opening, which is offset to the west. The west (side) façade has one centered window opening. The other two facades do not have any openings. The interior is plastered and the lime washed ceiling is tinted blue.

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**Specific dates** 1888, 1902, 1941, 1945, 1950, 1986 **Architect/Builder** unknown

**Construction dates** ca. 1890, ca. 1890, ca. 1950

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The Holste Farm has significance as a modest farm complex that is representative of the broad patterns of Howard County's history. Originally the 230-acre farmstead of a German-American family, the property was owned by hobby farmers from the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century until 1986, when the property was donated to Howard County Parks and Recreation. The phases of this farm's life are clearly visible in the farm's current appearance. The farm retains a 19<sup>th</sup> c. stone springhouse, stone bank barn foundation, and the core of the house appears to be a late-19<sup>th</sup> c. vernacular house. Twentieth century features include additions and alterations to the house and barn, the garage, and landscaping in the yard. In full, the property (now part of Rockburn Park) represents the evolution of Howard County's agricultural property through the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

In 1888, Annie Stimpson, who lived next door at The John S. Ridgely Farm (HO-865), sold Edward Holste 20 acres, 3 roods, and 10 perches for \$377.19. It is likely that the house was built at that date. The springhouse could have been built at that time, or may have already been extant on the Ridgely property. In 1900, the Holste family consisted of Edward Holste (aged 40) – a farmer, his wife Minnie (aged 38), their children, Deidrick (aged 13), Herman (aged 9), and Anna (aged 3), and farm hand James (aged 16). Minnie and Edward Holste had immigrated from Germany in 1882.<sup>1</sup> In 1902, Holste purchased an additional acre from neighboring farmer Herman D. Wehland. By 1920, only son Herman still lived at home with his parents and was a partner in the farm.<sup>2</sup> The property remained in the family until 1941, when Herman Holste died and left the property to his unmarried brother, Dedrick, and widowed sister, Anna Miller, who sold the farm to Lee and Anna Bindseil. Lee Bindseil grew up in Baltimore City. In 1930, Bindseil (aged 17) lived with his father L.W. (aged 44) – a railroad electrician, mother Elizabeth (aged 38), brother Harold (aged 11), and boarder Vincent Voight (aged 11) on N. Hilton.<sup>3</sup> The Bindseils, who took a \$2000 mortgage on the property, owned the farm until 1945, when they sold the property to Edward and Florence Smith. The Smiths took a \$4030 mortgage. In 1950, the Smiths sold the farm to Carroll and Madeline Doyle, who took a \$6000 mortgage on the farm. The Doyle owned the property until 1986, when they donated it to Howard County Parks and Recreation.

<sup>1</sup> Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Twelfth Census of United States: 1900, Population Schedule**, E.D. 79, Sheet 12A.

<sup>2</sup> Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Fourteenth Census of United States: 1920, Population Schedule**, E.D. 56, Sheet 10A.

<sup>3</sup> Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Fifteenth Census of United States: 1930, Population Schedule**, E.D. 4-337, Sheet 25A.



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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 54.71 acres  
Acreage of historical setting 54.71 acres  
Quadrangle name Ellicott City

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Holste Farm corresponds to Howard County Map 31, Grid 22, Parcel 229, which is the buildings' current legal lot.

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Jennifer Goold, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	June 9, 2005
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

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return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

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Holste Farm  
5341 Kerger Road, Ellicott City  
Howard County

CHAIN OF TITLE

Grantor	Grantee	Date	Liber	Folio	Trans.	Cost	Acreage	Comments
Carroll P. Doyle and Madeline S. Doyle	Howard County	12- 29- 1986	1607	261	Deed	5.00	1) 20 acres 3 roods and ten perches 2) 32.75 acres 3) 1 acre 3 roods	
Carroll F. Doyle and Madeline S. Doyle	William F. Doyle and Beulah E. Doyle	11- 10- 1950	221	88	Mortgage	6000.00		
Edward William Smith and Florence F. Smith	Carroll F. Doyle and Madeline S. Doyle	11- 10- 1950	221	86	Deed	5.00	1) 20 acres 3 roods and ten perches 2) 32.75 acres 3) 1 acre 3 roods	
Edward William Smith and Florence F. Smith	Newington Building and Savings Association, Inc.	04- 12- 1945	185	17	Mortgage	4030.00		
Lee Bindseil Jr., Anna Bindseil, and Harold B. Bindseil	Edward William Smith and Florence F. Smith	04- 05- 1945	185	14	Deed	5.00	1) 20 acres 3 roods and ten perches 2) 32.75 acres 3) 1 acre 3 roods	
Lee Bindseil, Jr., Anna Bindseil, and Harold B. Bindseil	Commercial and Farmers Bank	10- 15- 1941	172	123	Mortgage	2000.00		
Dedrick E. Holste, single and Anna	Lee Bindseil, Jr. and Anna Bindseil, his	10- 15-	172	120	Deed	5.00	1) 20 acres 3 roods and ten	Herman H. Holste died March 9, 1941, intestate, and left brother

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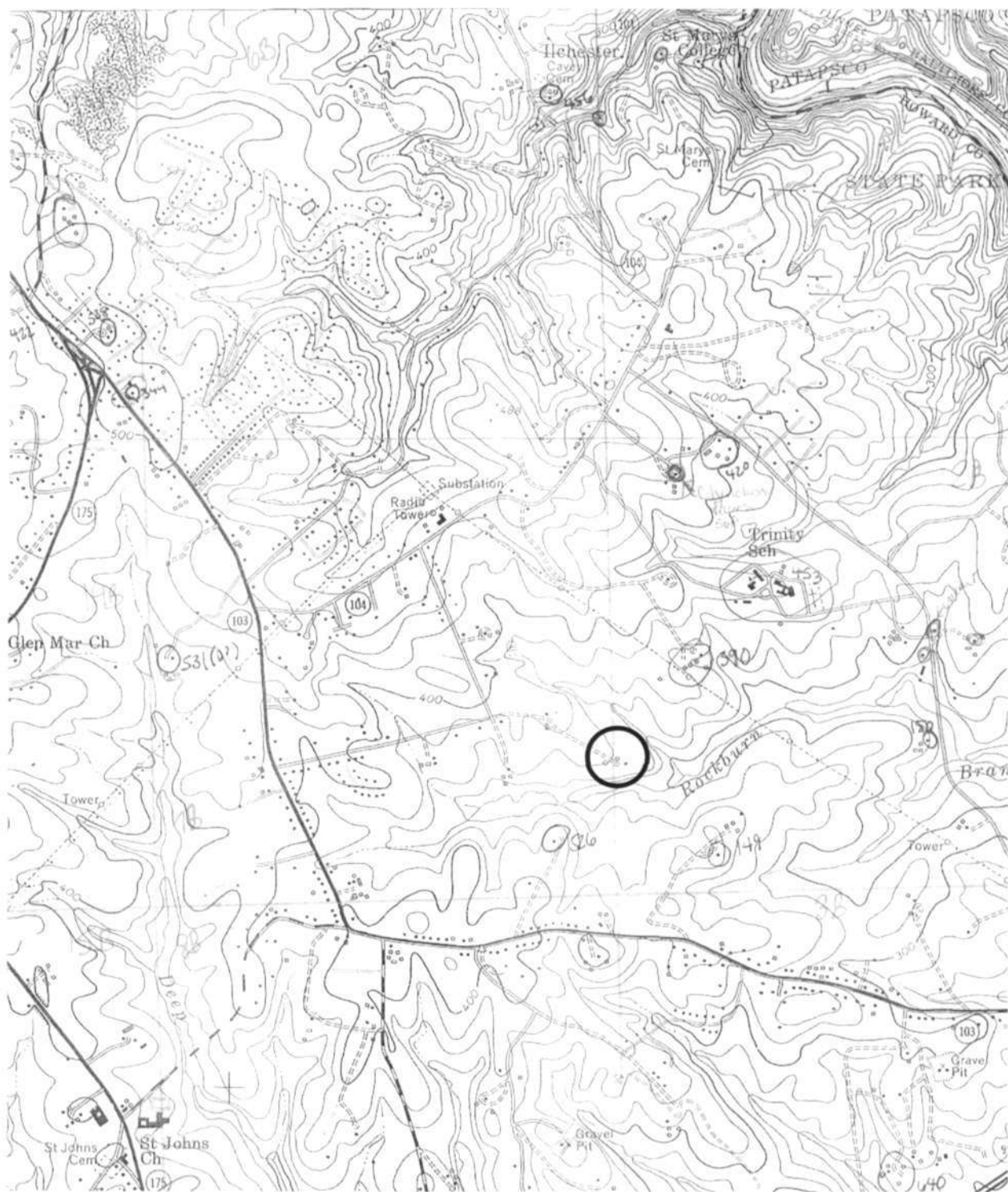
Miller, widow	wife	1941					perches 2) 32.75 acres 3) 1 acre 3 roods	Dedrick E. Holste and sister Anna Miller as his next of kin. 1) Liber 53, folio 390 2) Liber 53, folio 470 3) Liber 75, folio 106
Herman D. Wehland and Christina Wehland	Edward Holste	03- 24- 1902	75	106	Deed	75.00	3) 1 acre 3 roods and 34 perches	
Annie L. Stimpson	Edward Holste	06- 01- 1888	53	390	Deed	377.19	1) 20 acres 3 roods and 10 perches	Confirming deed of July 25, 1887 (Liber 52, folio 249)



Holste Farm (HO-886)  
5341 Kerger Road  
Ellicott City, Howard County  
*Site plan/Aerial photo*



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Holste Farm (HO-886)  
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USGS Savage Quad





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MD 4P0

Shows dogwood allee/farm lane  
farmstead. Views. leading to

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Howard County, MD

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04/05

MD SHPO

Shows Farmhouse in setting. View E.

20613

ART-2611 <No. 6A>007  
522 1212 -1 N N-3-74 (044)>0



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04-05

MD SHPO

Shows house + barn in setting. View N

30613

ART-2611 <No. 79>008  
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MD SHPO

Shows house, primary facade. View SE.

40613

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Shows house, secondary facades. View N

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Shows house + landscape features - Steps leading  
to path to Spring house. View NE.

60613



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MD SHPO

Shows barn, view w.

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MD SHPO

Shows barn. View N.

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Holste Farm

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Shows barn interior.

View E.

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View E. Show Garage.

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Holste Farm

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View NE. Shows dairy in setting.

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MD SHPO

View S. Shows dairy interior.

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